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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. DON GRAVES WAS STRUCK BY THE TRANSFORMING OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR QUESTIONS OF LABOR AND WAGES ON AUGUST 18 INTO A UNION-REPUBLIC STATE COMMITTEE FOR LABOR AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS. SINCE IT IS THE TRADE UNIONS WHICH HAVE HAD THE TASK OF DEALING WITH "SOCIAL QUESTIONS," WE WONDER IF THE UNIONS' PROTECTIVE FUNCTIONS ARE TO BE DE-EMPHASIZED IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE A NEW PERIOD OF ECONOMIC STRESS AND INCIPIENT AUSTERITY. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF AN EMBOFF COULD CALL ON CHAIRMAN LOMONOSOV OR ONE OF HIS DEPUTIES AND ASK ABOUT THE ENLARGED JURISDICTION OF THE STATE COMMITTEE WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO SOCIAL QUESTIONS.

2. RE STATE 212741 (JACOBSON VISIT), JACOBSON IS A FRIEND OF ART'S AND ART HAS FOUND INTERESTING HIS ACCOUNTS OF BENDIX'S DICKERING WITH THE SOVIETS (I BELIEVE ON A SPARK PLUG PLANT).

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3. WE HAVE BEEN THINKING OF TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE

AVAILABILITY OF TRAVEL MONEY FOR THE TRANSITIONAL QUARTER  
TO SEND MEL LEVITSKY OUT FOR ABOUT A WEEK'S CONSUL-  
TATION AT THE EMBASSY, CONGEN AND KIEV. MEL WOULD ARRIVE

ABOUT SEPT 30 (MONEY HAS TO BE SPENT BEFORE OCT. 1).  
SINCE INSPECTORS ARRIVE MOSCOW SEPT 27 GOING ON TO  
LENINGRAD OCT. 4, MEL IS CONCERNED THAT HE MIGHT BE  
OVERBURDENING THE EMBASSY AND CONGEN AND IS QUITE PREPARED  
TO CANCEL OUT IF THAT IS THE CASE. WE WOULD TRY TO GET  
HIM OUT LATER, BUT EX CANNOT GUARANTEE THE MONEY. PLEASE  
LET US KNOW YOUR FEELINGS.

4. I CHECKED ON MATERIALS FOR INSPECTION AND FOUND THEY  
HAD BEEN POUCHED, BUT NEGLECTED TO CHECK BACK WITH YOU.  
DO YOU NOW HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED?

5. I TALKED TO BOB MILLS, WHO SAID THEY WERE ALREADY  
RESIGNED TO POSSIBILITY OF STAYING IN HOTEL IN MOSCOW,  
ALTHOUGH WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF TEMPORARY HOUSING AVAILABLE.  
THEY WOULD STILL PLAN TO ARRIVE ABOUT OCTOBER 15-20 UNLESS  
THERE ARE FACTORS OTHER THAN HOUSING THEY SHOULD CONSIDER.

6. BARBARA LA BRIE IS LEAVING SOV FOR A JOB IN INR WHICH  
MEANS A RICHLY DESERVED PROMOTION. WE WILL SORELY MISS  
HER. SHE ASKS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE PASSED FROM HER TO  
THE AMBASSADOR, YOU AND FORMER SOV PERSONNEL: "IT HAS  
BEEN A PLEASURE WORKING FOR ALL OF YOU AND I WISH YOU MUCH  
SUCCESS."

7. THANKS FOR AMBASSADOR'S LOBBYING WITH GEORGE SPRING-  
STEEN, WE CAN REPORT SUCCESS WITH TQ FUNDING FOR LANGUAGE  
PROGRAM. WE'RE TOLD A CABLE WILL GO OUT TODAY GIVING YOU  
WHAT YOU NEED.

8. THE TALK WITH JANKOVSKIY (MOSCOW 13432) WAS FASCINATING  
WELL DONE. FITS IN WITH WARSAW 5967. WE ALSO THOUGHT  
YOUR ANALYSIS OF SOVIET MOTIVATION AND THE FRG ELECTIONS  
(MOSCOW 13373) WAS RIGHT ON TARGET AND A USEFUL CONTRIBU-  
TION TO DISCUSSIONS THAT HAVE BEEN GOING ON HERE AS IN  
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9. WHEN CHARLIE MAGEE'S COUNSELOR TALKED TO HIM TODAY  
(CHARLIE IS STILL HERE ON HOME LEAVE), CHARLIE SAID HE  
DID NOT WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE MOSCOW JOB. THIS  
IS NOT A TOTAL SURPRISE TO US, FOR WHEN WE TALKED TO  
CHARLIE, HE EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE FOR A DCM JOB OR HIS  
OWN POLITICAL SECTION. WE NOW SEE LITTLE CHANCE OF TURNING  
HIM AROUND. PERSONNEL SUGGESTED OTHO ESKIN AS A POSSI-

BILITY, AND WE SAID WE WERE LUKEWARM BUT WOULD THINK ABOUT IT. IN TURN WE SUGGESTED THAT THEY LOOK INTO PIERRE SHOSTAL, WHO WOULD BE OUR FIRST CHOICE AND AT LAST INDICATION WAS INTERESTED. BUT UNLESS WE CAN GET SOMEONE LINED UP, TOM'S ASSIGNMENT IS IN TROUBLE.

10. WE REMAIN SOMEWHAT APPREHENSIVE ABOUT THE CONSULAR REVIEW DISCUSSION OF THE SOVIET AGENDA ITEM ON IMMUNITIES, SINCE THE SOVIETS WANT TO DISCUSS THE MATTER, WE CAN HARDLY REFUSE TO DO SO, BUT WE HOPE WE DO NOT SET OFF SOME EXERCISE IN WHICH THE SOVIETS DECIDE THEY ARE GETTING A BAD DEAL ON THE 1968 NOTES, AND MAKE SOME SORT OF STATEMENT TO US RAISING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE IMMUNITIES OF SOME OF OUR STAFF DEPENDENTS. WE CAN ENVISION OTHER AGENCIES BECOMING ALARMED AND ALL OF US SPENDING VAST AMOUNTS OF TIME WRESTLING WITH THEORETICAL QUESTIONS ABOUT IMMUNITY. KISSINGER

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